

Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

Open Competitive Exam Announcement Please Post Conspicuously REVISED

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OC-66656 Deputy Sheriff - Jailor

Application Fee: \$25.00

Examination Date: April 13, 2013

Application Deadline: February 27, 2013 – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM

or postmarked by this date.

Who May Apply: Qualified applicants

Salary: \$41,103 - \$64,269 annually (Monroe County Office of the Sheriff)

Employment Opportunities: The results of this exam may be used to fill vacancies, which may occur during the

life of the eligible list.

Candidates also taking other Civil Service Examinations:

In addition to our examination, other civil service commissions in other cities and counties and New York State may be holding tests for similar titles on the same test date. You must apply for examination in each location in which you wish to be considered. When you file for our examination and any offered by another civil service agency, either local or State, it will be necessary to take all of these examinations at the same examination center. If you have applied for a State examination, all your examinations must be taken at a State test center. The New York State Department of Civil Service will contact you regarding where and when you should report to the State test site approximately one week before the examination. You must complete our crossfiler form and submit it to our office no later than three weeks before the test date whenever you apply for examinations administered by municipalities other than Monroe County. Indicate all examinations and locations for which you have applied, and when non-State examinations are being taken, which local examination center you prefer. In the case of local examinations, approval of your request is subject to seating capacity and the policies of the other local civil service agencies regarding cross filers.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must meet the following minimum requirements on or before the date of the written exam:

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

Special Requirements:

Driver's license: Applicants must possess a valid New York State Class *D* driver's license at the time of appointment.

Examination Residency Requirement:

There is no residency requirement to participate in the examination.

Additional Information:

- 1. Applicants must meet physical and medical standards established by the Monroe County Civil Service Commission.
- 2. Psychological/Background Investigation: Applicants will be subject to an extensive pre-employment background investigation and psychological evaluation.
- 3. Conviction of a felony will bar appointment.

- 4. Citizenship: Must be a United States citizen at time of appointment per Public Officers Law.
- 5. Residency: Must be a Monroe County resident at time of appointment per Public Officers Law.
- 6. Deputies must successfully complete a training course mandated by the New York State Commission of Correction during the probationary period or otherwise be removed from the position.

Fees:

A **\$25.00 non-refundable** Application Fee for each examination for which you apply is to be paid with your application, unless the fee is waived for that examination.

Make check or money order payable to: Monroe County Director of Finance

Write the LAST FOUR DIGITS of your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND EXAM NUMBER(S) ON YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

Be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements listed and file only for those examinations for which you clearly qualify and intend to take. We cannot prescreen applications submitted without the fee. No refunds will be made if your application is disapproved or you fail to appear for the test. There is a \$15.00 charge for returned checks. We do not accept cash.

Exception to Fee Requirement:

A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by the Federation of Social Workers, Local 381, are eligible for this waiver for all exams if they are in salary group 52 and below; employees in a salary group above 52 are eligible for the fee waiver, if the examination is for a title in their career field. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by C.S.E.A., Local 828, are eligible for this waiver, if they are in salary group 10 or below. The fee is waived for all Monroe County employees taking promotional exams. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete a request for application fee waiver and certification request located on the last page of the application. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

Description of Duties:

This position is responsible for assisting with maintaining the safety and security of the Monroe County Jail, overseeing the care, custody, and well-being of inmates, and tending to inmates' daily personal needs. Work is carried out in accordance with established rules, regulations and procedures and involves substantial contact with inmates on a daily basis. Deputies are assigned to a particular unit such as Housing or Transport. Deputies report directly to, and work under the general supervision of, a higher level staff member with leeway allowed for independent judgment.

Scope of Examination:

There will be a written test which you must pass in order to be considered for appointment. Only your score on the written test will be considered when computing your final score. In addition, candidates must meet the physical fitness and medical standards used by the Municipal Police Training Council. Candidates passing the written portion of the examination will have their names placed on the eligible list but will be required to pass a qualifying physical-agility test before they can be certified for permanent appointment. These tests will be given as the needs of the service require. Candidates who pass the qualifying physical fitness test may be selected by a law enforcement agency to undergo further processing to determine if they qualify for appointment. This processing includes a medical exam, background investigations and psychological evaluation.

The written, multiple-choice test will cover knowledge, skills and/or abilities in such areas as:

1. Applying written information in a correctional services setting

These questions are designed to evaluate the candidates' ability to read, interpret and apply rules, regulations, directives, written narratives and other related material. The candidates are required to read a set of information, and to appropriately apply the information to situations similar to those typically experienced in a correctional services setting. All the information needed to answer the questions asked concerning the situations presented is contained in the rules, regulations, etc. which are cited.

2. Observing and recalling facts and information

These questions are designed to test how well the candidates can observe and recall information presented.

The candidates will be presented with information describing or depicting prison scenes or other facts. They will have a short time to memorize the information before it is collected by the monitor. They will then be asked to recall specific details.

3. Preparing written material

These questions test for the ability to present information clearly and accurately, and to organize paragraphs logically and comprehensibly. For some questions, you will be given information in two or three sentences followed by four restatements of the information. You must then choose the best version. For other questions, you will be given paragraphs with their sentences out of order. You must then choose, from four suggestions, the best order for the sentences.

4. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

The rating key for this examination will be established by the New York State Civil Service Commission prior to the date of the test, upon recommendation of a committee of police experts who will review all the questions for appropriateness and the key answers for correctness. There will be no review of the questions by candidates. This committee was selected with the assistance and endorsement of the Police Conference of New York, Inc., the New York State Association of PBA's, Inc., and the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.

A "Guide to Taking the Written Test for the Entry-Level Correction Officer Series" is available at the Monroe County Civil Service Office in Room 210, County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, Rochester, NY 14614. The guide is also available on the Monroe County Web Site listed at the bottom of this page or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address. This guide contains sample test questions similar to the question that will be used in this written test.

Calculators and Reference Materials:

The use of calculators is **PROHIBITED** for this exam. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

This written examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Qualifying Physical Fitness Test:

The three elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

Muscular Endurance – The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.

Push-Up – This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectoralis major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.

Cardiovascular Activity – 1.5 mile run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

The Monroe County Civil Service Commission uses the physical fitness-screening test adopted by the Municipal Police Training Council which is based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex, represent the thirtieth (30th) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. Failure on a part of the qualifying test will remove your name from further consideration for appointment.

Applications

If you are applying for more than one exam, a separate application is required for each exam. Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of the first page of this announcement.

Candidates must record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.

Note:

Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the official application. The resume is a supplement to the application, and not a substitute for it. To receive credit for a job, basic employment information such as address, name and title of supervisor, average number of hours in the workweek, final salary, reason for leaving, specific job duties, your job title, etc. must be shown.

Certifications and Appointments:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence. A municipality or district may exercise its right under Section 23 of the Civil Service Law to request an initial certification of eligibles who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least one (1) month on the date of certification and who are also legal residents of the appointing jurisdiction at the time of appointment, in accordance with their numerical rating. After the names of residents have been exhausted the Commission must then certify in regular rank order the names of non-residents on the list.

Background Investigation:

Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES:

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

Veteran's Credits:

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

Active Military Members:

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty:

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit must provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Special Arrangements for Examination:

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Religious Observer [for religious reasons, cannot be tested on date of examination(s)], if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, or if you require any other kind of special accommodations, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed on the front page of this announcement by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

Multiple Exam Takers:

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources three (3) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a cross-filer form.

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Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in <u>different</u> exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours and another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in the same exam series will be allowed up to the specified length of time for each exam.

Example: If you are taking two (2) exams in the same series with a maximum time of five (5) hours for each exam, you can spend no more than five (5) hours to complete both exams.

Admission to Examination:

All applications will be reviewed after the "Closing Date for Filing" listed on the front page of this announcement. If there is a problem with your application, you will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to submit additional information to support your application. If there are no problems with your application, you will be sent an admission notice approximately one week before the exam date. If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination <u>three days</u> before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at (585) 753-1700.

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